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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL FIREARM VIOLATION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man pleaded guilty today to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Odell Hampton, Jr., 25, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith today to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Hampton** admitted that he was in possession of a Llama .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun on June 15, 2002. Possession of any firearm at that time would have been illegal, Graves explained, due to **Hampton's** 1994 criminal felony conviction for first degree tampering, his 1996 criminal felony conviction for sale of a controlled substance, his 1998 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance, and his 1998 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for April 10, 2003. The sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Hunt. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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